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CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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Secretary.

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Intimations.

MOORE & CO.,

"VARIETY STORE"

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Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS begs to say that he

intends VISITING Amoy and Foochow, leaving Hongkong September 15th, and returning November 1st.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

The Following GOODS Suitable for the present Season have just been received, from which an early Selection is requested.

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HONGKONG, September 8, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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August 28, 1878.

HONGKONG, September 8, 1878.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENDERERS for the PRIVILEGE OF PREPARING and SELLING PREPARED OPIUM within the Colony for the Term of One, Two, or Three Years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd September, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant License direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command, J. M. PRICE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.



had been thrown from the daily steamer. The opium was captured by the mandarin who ordered this to be done, and it is well for him that it was so, as, we believe, that it would not have been sufficient excuse for him to have proved merely intent to smuggle. It is seldom that such extreme measures are taken to catch a smuggler, and the news of this affair has apparently proved a check for a time.

THE heavy sea running on Friday and Saturday nights has done some little damage to the boats and landing stages, although fortunately without occasioning any loss of life. The Victoria Recreation Club's Bathhouse suffered considerably, nearly all the bamboo screen being either loosened or entirely removed, and no little damage was inflicted on the piles themselves. Yesterday morning numbers of bamboo could be seen floating in and around the enclosure and sticking up in the middle like spikes, the sea meanwhile bearing them about in a manner which might have warned anyone of the danger of bathing. Nevertheless a few were found hardy enough to venture, their love of a plunge being greater than their fear of consequences.

From a proclamation, which appears in Saturday's *Government Gazette*, we are apprised of the fact that "Her Majesty's Gracious Confirmation and Allowance" of the Appropriation Ordinance for 1878 has been received in a despatch from Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. As this Ordinance, which is the authority upon which all public moneys are paid in this Colony during the current year, was passed by the Legislative Council on the 19th of November 1877, it seems strange that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has again fallen into similar delay to that which was spoken of in such regrettable terms about this time last year. It is true that the formal sanction of the Home authorities is more, or less, a farce in these telegraphic days, as no important steps are now taken without the consent and approval of the Colonial Office. But the broadness of the public grin might be modified if the official permission to spend the money were given before three-fourths of the year's expenses were paid. It is not improbable, also, that some poor Government servant may have been left out in the cold, so far as allowance or increase is concerned, until the formal confirmation arrived.

The civil proceedings arising out of Mr Hufian's defalcations appear to move in a most mysterious way. A few days after the late Deputy Registrar absconded, a petition was presented to the Court, in which Mr Plunket, the Registrar (good-naturedly acknowledging himself responsible for the payment of all moneys that were missing), sought to make the absent defaulter a bankrupt. This having been, as we must presume it was, considered by the Court, the prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr Hufian was adjudicated a bankrupt a day or two after the application was made. Now, according to the law and the practice, this was all wrong; and, upon Mr Francis, instructed by Mr Denney, appearing to-day to challenge the decision, the whole proceeding was quashed as irregular. The self-alleged debt was not owing directly to Mr Plunket, the legal number of days were not allowed to lapse before adjudication, nor was any notice to show cause given to the defendant; and so forth. Mr Francis therefore succeeded in upsetting this somewhat extraordinary proceeding; and we fancy that the course now to be pursued will be for one of the creditors on account of the Lyall, Still & Co. dividend to move the Court.

The sixth performance of the Royal English Opera Company was given at the City Hall Theatre on Saturday evening to a well filled house. We do not remember any Company, during the last ten years, that has drawn such large audiences for several successive nights as the present one. The piece selected for performance on Saturday was Donizetti's opera "La File du Régiment." It was not one of the most successful performances of the Company, not through any faults in the singing or acting, but from the second-rate nature of the opera itself. Neither the songs nor the scenes will bear any comparison with those in such operas as "Satanella," "Maritana," or "Graevie de Brabant." Miss May sang and acted with her customary ability and effect, and as usual obtained some enthusiastic bursts of applause, despite the mediocre but nevertheless difficult character of the songs. Mr Vernon's make-up as "Sergeant Sulphur" was simply splendid, and there must have been some difficulty in recognising him at his first appearance on the stage. His rendering of the character was in every way successful. Mr Rollings was scarcely as successful as "Tonio" as he has been in his previous parts. Mr Hagemann's rendering of the "Duo de Grandtête" was very funny, and drew forth some applause. Not less amusing was Mr G. Hodson as "Hortensius;" in fact this performer's ren-

dering of his part was very good and deserving of special note. An interesting variation in the evening's entertainment was a violin solo by Miss Clara Stanley, that young lady's graceful handling of the bow and winsome face gaining for her two or three encores, we are not quite sure which. The Company must however try to be a little more punctual, as the audience was kept waiting fully twenty minutes, and became a little impatient in consequence. Mr Pinazzi, as usual contributed much to the success of the entertainment by his skilful accompaniments on the piano. On Wednesday the Company repeat the performance of "Graevie de Brabant."

A GOVERNMENT notification appears in the *Gazette* concerning a pension and second gratuity granted to a Chinese Constable, named Chan Nam, who joined the Force on Nov. 16, 1868. Captain Deane having suggested that this pension should be commuted, and the man paid up in full, the Governor spends the following minute to the application of the Captain Superintendent:—"The manifest advantages of having Government pensioners amongst the natives in this colony and its neighbourhood are so great that, whenever the law allows it, I prefer to pension Chinese, instead of giving them lump sums, as the latter practice needlessly severs their useful and loyal connection with this Government. Let Police Constable Chan Nam therefore be placed on the pension list, in accordance with the provisions of Section XII. of Ordinance No. 9 of 1862, and after the usual report of the Auditor General has been approved."

We cannot see any reason why the Government should not maintain the "useful and loyal connection" of ex-constables, if that connection is of sufficient importance either in quantity or quality to justify it. Constables may be very usefully employed as quiet observers and detectives in many ways, and their behaviour might be well regulated by means of their dependence upon such pension. The medical certificate granted by the Colonial Surgeon in reference to this case is appended, but is not of the slightest importance save for its claims to preservation as a "stiff" paper to be translated at the next competitive examination. It reads:—"This man is healthy and as regards that there is no objection to his pension being commuted, but he is old, 57 years of age. I do not know if that is against it, judging from his appearance he may reach a very advanced age." Any cynical reader, after endeavouring to analyse the above, might, in view of a recent police case, snuff fuel oil; but we believe that the Doctor is generally more careful with his English.

THERE is yet another notice in the *Government Gazette* which is of considerable interest—viz., that of the examination of candidates for the vacant post of sheriff and clerk at the Supreme Court, and the appointment of Mr Chua Shing Hong to the position compete for. The examiners seem to have obtained the services of a most suitable man for the post, to judge from the marks which are recorded for the successful candidate; and as we believe the Court requested that a competitive examination should be held on this occasion, while Mr Plunket appears to have satisfied his by a preliminary examination, all parties ought to be pleased. But this is not the most important feature of the incident. The present examination has formed the occasion for the resuscitation of the Board of Examiners—an institution which disappeared from view many months ago, and about which not a little skirmishing has been caused in official circles. When His Excellency was meditating one of his earlier experiments touching education, this Board suddenly and mysteriously ceased to exist; and upon inquiries being made as to "who killed Cock Robin" the dissolution was by some credited to Mr Hennessy, by others to Mr Austin, while it was whispered that suicide was the verdict most suitable for the occasion. At all events, competitive examination conducted independently of this Board proved a lamentable failure, and the principle of such tests was well nigh upset, when some of the members were persuaded to reappear. As we have from the first advocated that this Board should assume a position somewhat analogous to that of the Civil Service Commissioners at home, it is with satisfaction we note the revival of the institution, engaged as it is in its legitimate duties. It is to be regretted, however, that (besides the absence of Mr C. O. Smith) only two of its former members now appear at its reconstitution.

Mr Lister, who was a very useful member, does not seem to have responded to the call, and probably does not believe in the second advent of this important body. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, there can be no doubt that the Board of Examiners has a great future before it, if all the interpreters subordinate clerks have to be selected for the public service in accordance with its views and judgments.

The *Ceylon Observer*, of the 19th August, has the following paragraph in its London correspondence respecting Sarawak and Sabah:—

A telegram received by a friend from Rajah Brooke of Sarawak announces that he will be home in England by October next. He doubtless contemplates opposing in person the pretensions set up by the concessionaries in the Borneo scheme, who, as I informed you, are also expected in England; those pretensions being considered by Mr. Brooke to be seriously detrimental, if allowed, to the prosperity of his little independent state, which, under his rule and that of his celebrated father, has achieved remarkable success. Fears are entertained here that Mr. Trencher, the acting Governor for Borneo, was not so positive in his action at the time the concessions were made as he should have been, and that the Sultan of Brunei and Sultan deemed that the Baron had, through him, the approval of the British Government. Rumour also says that the Spanish Government has protested strongly against the cession, as being opposed to the articles of some treaty into which it had entered with those Sultans subsequently to the signing of the treaties made with the British some 23 or 30 years back.

#### SUNDAY LABOUR IN HONGKONG.

The following correspondence is published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday:—

Hongkong, 15th May, 1878.

SIR,—I consider it my duty to submit for your consideration the necessity which seems to me to exist for discontinuing, as far as possible, the employment of Chinese, and other labour, in Government Departments, on Sunday. Highly appreciating Your Excellency's cordial interest in the well-being of the Native population, I am induced to believe that the subject will, if it has not done so already, engage your anxious attention. Although, unfortunately, opinions differ among Christians as to the lawfulness of secular recreations on the Lord's day, I am not aware but that the keeping it as Day of Rest from manual labour, is a duty acknowledged by all. And the terms of the Commandment which describes our Sabbath obligations, since they include "the Stranger that is within our gates," doubtless embrace the population who are residing here under our National laws and protection. If circumstances could be pleaded in extenuation of the neglect of this subject in past years, the admirable opportunities presented by the settled and flourishing condition of the Colony, seem to make the call imperative for dealing with it now in another manner. I earnestly hope, then, that Your Excellency and Council will be of opinion that all Chinese coolie, and other labour, on Sundays, under ordinary circumstances, should be abolished in Government works; and that this provision be made in future contracts. The objections which may be raised against this course will be found, I am convinced, inconsiderate, and will be altogether outweighed by its advantages, in the fulfilment of a duty acknowledged by all. And the terms of the Sabbath, generally, amongst the native and foreign community. It is probable, too, that one cause of the absence of progress in the arts of civilization, together with the long contentment under debasing superstitions seen in heathen lands, and so notorious in China, may be not a little due to the want of that divinely appointed season of repose which enables the human mind to invigorate itself by reflection and rest. For these reasons, and for many others which will present themselves to Your Excellency, I trust that you will be induced to adopt the best and speediest means to relieve the colony from the demoralization caused by the sights and sounds of Sunday toil under Government authority; and thereby set a better and widely influential standard for the practice of private individuals, and our Commercial Firms.—I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

EDMUND DAVIES,  
Acting Colonial Chaplain.

To His Excellency The Governor in Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong,

16th May, 1878.

REV. SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and to inform you that His Excellency the Governor agrees with me as to the desirability, if practicable, of stopping all Sunday labour in Government Departments, and that he will give the whole subject his best consideration.—I have the honour to be, Rev. Sir, your most obedient servant,

J. M. PARCE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Rev. Edmund Davies, M.A.,  
Acting Colonial Chaplain.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong,

24th August, 1878.

REV. SIR,—Adverting to my letter No. 403 of the 16th May, I have the honour to inform you that Governor Pope Hennessy having carefully considered the objections you have taken to the practice of Sunday labour by Government employees, which has prevailed in Hongkong for many years past, has given instructions that His Excellency hopes will put a stop to all labour of the kind in future, except that which may be absolutely necessary and unavoidable.—I have the honour to be, Rev. Sir, your most obedient servant,

J. M. PARCE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Rev. Edmund Davies, M.A.,  
Acting Colonial Chaplain.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong,

16th September, 1878.

Before J. J. FRANCIS, Esq.

BUTTING FARTH.

Wong Among, a bricklayer, was charged with cutting soil on the hill side. He admitted the offence, and was discharged with a caution.

SABOTAGE.

Loung Alam, a butcher, pleaded guilty to stealing a jacket. Nothing was known as to his antecedents, and he was sent to 14 days' hard labour for simple larceny.

Before C. V. CRAVEN, Esq.

OUR SERVANTS.

Wong Aman, a servant to Mr Cooke, of the Patent Slip and Dock Company, was charged by his employer with stealing a bottle of brandy. It appears that defendant

had been sent to a store-room to get a bottle of soda water, he being entrusted with the key for that purpose. There were eight bottles of brandy in the store-room; and one of these was found to be missing. It was subsequently discovered under defendant's bed. Defendant endeavoured to throw the blame on the coolie, but this was proved to be in order to screen himself. He was sent to 2 months' hard labour.

TO DAY'S FINES.

Wong Aon, servant unemployed, stealing \$4 from a fellow-passenger's box. Two months' hard labour.

Tsang Ashing, a fisherman, stealing clothing. Gambling and shoving a drast to raise the wind. Ten weeks' hard labour.

Li Ayan, marine hawk, stealing planks from a shop at Wellington Street. Two months' hard labour.

Henry Kreye, steward, American ship *Southern Cross*, drunk and incapable. Fined \$1.

Thomas Hutchinson, fireman, British steamer *Ocean King*, ditto. Fined 50 cents.

Wong Apling, a gardener, unlawful possession of a cat. Fined \$1.

Thomas King, engineer unemployed, drunk and incapable. Fined 50 cents.

Chan Ashing, master of a rubbish boat throwing rubbish into the harbour. Fined 50 cents.

Manuel Gomes, seaman unemployed, drunk and incapable. Fined \$1.

#### Marine Court.

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)

16th September, 1878.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

Charles Conroy and James McCann, seamen belonging to the British ship *Maritime Union*, were charged with refusing duty on board their ship. It appears the defendants bear a very bad character. The 1st is the same man who insulted the Rev. Mr Henderson at the Sailors' Home on two occasions, and the 2nd had been sent here by the Consul at some outpost, for having left his ship there for some trivial reason. They both shipped here, and received £3.50 a month. The 1st is the Superintendent of the Sailors' Home cashed their notes, and would of course have to suffer the loss. The ship was to have left the harbour this morning, but the defendants refused to work. When asked the reason, they told the Captain that they had some clothes at the Home. The Captain promised to make enquiries, and did so, but the people at the Home said they had no clothes there. The Captain was very anxious to get away, so offered to supply them with clothes as soon as they got to sea, and they then said they would rather take three months than go in the ship.

The defendants told the Magistrate that there was nothing to eat on board the ship.

The Captain replied that none of the other men had ever complained, and there were twenty-four on board.

His Worship sentenced them to 10 weeks' hard labour.

USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

John Lord, seaman of the British ship *Ocean King* (Captain Roper), was charged with using abusive language towards the boatswain (W. K. White). The words complained of were "don't make such a b—-noise." This was said whilst the defendant was aloft sending the fore gaff topsail down. Captain Roper told the boatswain to call defendant down from the boat, and he did so.

Captain Roper said that the boatswain appealed to him for protection against such language.

Defendant denied making use of such language, and was fined 10 shillings.

THE "BALCARY."

Thomas Peart, Harry Andrews, William Jones, Charles Walker, Augustus Linstrom, and John Davies, seamen British barque *Balcarly*, were charged a second time with refusal of duty; on Saturday and again to-day. On Saturday they had agreed to pay the amount of the mate's advance amongst them, as it appears that the cause of their refusing duty was that they could not get along with the mate. The mate, however, refused to be so discharged. The men, it appears, had nothing to complain of against the mate, who had only joined the ship a few days, but that he did not act as the former mate was in the habit of doing. The Captain gave the men a very good character up to this time. They had been with him two years.

Ordered to forfeit 12 days' pay and be sent on board their ship again.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FLOGGING OF CRIMINALS IN HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Sept. 16, 1878.

SIR,—I was very much interested, as no doubt many of your readers were, with the "Return of all prisoners who had been sentenced to be flogged from 22nd April to 22nd July 1878," published in the *Mail* of the 2nd September. The list however to me is most incomplete, because it does not give any information as to the date of carrying out the sentence, and also the term of imprisonment which was to accompany the flogging.

On looking over the list of the 23rd sentence by the Police Magistrate I find

8 Sentenced to 20 Strokes.

1 " " 12 "

10 " " 10 "

2 " " 7 "

4 " " 5 "

Most of these cases were, I am led to understand, very mild cases indeed, in fact not worth reporting in your paper, as I can find no record of many of them, such as rogues, vagabonds, larceny (I suppose petty not with violence, as I think they will be found to be of tender years though old to crime).

There is an impression abroad in Hongkong that many of those 25 sentenced to be flogged completed their short terms of imprisonment and got out of gaol before the approval of the flogging came from the Governor, and if that impression is correct, can you wonder that His Excellency should be regarded as a "human man" by those natives who live by crime, and who do carry on their calling in defiance of our Police, till they have instigated a reign of terror which banishes comfortable sleep from many a cotch.

If the public can be supplied with the date of the various floggings, and terms of imprisonment, it will complete the present list.

I am, Yours, &c.,

OFTEN WIDE AWAKE.

#### Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

The British barque *Lord of the Isles* was successfully towed into Manila by the air. *Macau*, on the 7th Sept.

The fine house in Nagtahan, belonging to the estate of Russell & Sturgis, will be put up at auction again on the 18th Sept., for the upset price of \$14,000.

It appears that the crown which ornamented the *Genotapah* at San Agustin Church on the occasion of the obsequies of the late Queen

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR HENRI VINAY has been Appointed AGENT for the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at Hongkong. Mr ERNEST SCHEVEBLIN will have power to act at the same place in Mr VINAY's absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,  
Manager,  
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS,  
SHANGHAI,  
Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day OPENED the AGENCY of the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS at the Office of Messrs. RUSSELL & CO.

H. VINAY,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, September 12, 1878. oc12

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book Debt, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr W. BAILL, will conduct and carry on the said Business (in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY) on his own Account from This Date.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,  
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify that the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA of Tokio, Japan, has Opened a Branch in this Port, and the Undersigned has been appointed their Agent in Hongkong.

HERONICHE SHUGIO,  
Office No. 4, Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, August 19, 1878. oc19

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CHANGED on the 1st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.,  
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. oc13

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, HOP YEK & Co. of HOWARD'S GODOWNS, No. 239, Shik Tong Tzei, begs to notify that the said Company is not nor will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by any of the Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no Debt if any, can be deducted from the Rent Payable to the said Company. The Company is only Responsible for those Accounts, which are Confirmed and Signed by Mr. CHU WING On himself, of the Kung Yau ship, Wing Lok Street.

HOP YEK & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 18, 1878. oc13

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the CHINESE MAIL, 日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), Commenced from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, THE BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shelley Street. The BUNGALOW, No. 1, Old Bailey Street.

Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

House No. 7, Caine Road, at present occupied by The Hon. CECIL SMITH.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 2, 1878.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 55, formerly known as the Blue House, situated on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.

HOUSE No. 8, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with immediate possession.

## TO LET.

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchoi. These may be had in Apartment of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

Apply to  
MEYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & CO.,  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 30 per cent.

GILIAN & CO., Agents.

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON DIRECT,  
ALSO  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama on TUESDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 20th September. PARCEL

PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 11, 1878. oc11

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

## Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BROWNE, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets..... \$31,700,000  
Surplus..... \$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

ESTABLISHED 1808.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 30 per cent.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & CO.,

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two MILLIONS STEELING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

of His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

## Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

## Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

## Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENOLES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up..... £1,420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE..... 220,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... 104,000

Total Capital and accumula-  
tions this date..... £1,754,000

## Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
M. P. EVANS, Esq.,  
C. KREES, Esq.,  
W. M. MITCHELL, Esq.,  
Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai  
London Bankers.

Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Agents in:

Hongkong, London, San Francisco, and  
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, All the Profits of the Underwriting Business will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.</